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**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please amend the paragraph at page 11, line 20 through page 12, line 2 as follows:

A partial list of proteases known to belong to this large and important family include: blood coagulation factors VII, IX, X, XI and XII; thrombin; plasminogen; complement components C1r, C1s, C2; complement factors B, D and I; complement-activating component of RA-reactive factor; elastases 1, 2, 3A, 3B (protease E); hepatocyte growth factor activator; glandular (tissue) kallikreins including EGF-binding protein types A, B, and C; NGF- $\gamma$  chain,  $\gamma$ -renin, and prostate specific antigen (PSA); plasma kallikrein; mast cell proteases; myeloblastin (proteinase 3) (Wegener's autoantigen); plasminogen activators (urokinase-type, and tissue-type); and the trypsins I, II, III, and IV. These peptidases play key roles in coagulation, tumorigenesis, control of blood pressure, release of growth factors, and other roles.

(<http://www.babraham.co.uk/Merops/Merops.htm>).